

Remarks

The Preliminary Amendment did not use the format of Rule 173, so the amendment has been resubmitted in such format.

Support for the new paragraph inserted on page 8, between lines 42 and 43, is set out in the Remarks section of the Amendment filed on October 32, 2003 and the Preliminary Amendment filed on November 20, 2003, and is incorporated herein.

The Advisory Action of November 4, 2003 stated:

“Note: The insert of new paragraph at column 8, between lines 42 and 43 raises the issue that would require further consideration.

Furthermore it is not clear from the specification whether phrase “infra-red range” includes middle- and far infra-red regions or not. It is also not clear whether the phrase “ultra violet” includes far ultraviolet region or not.

Therefore both these phrases require further consideration.”

The new paragraph, in its present form, recites that the thickness of individual protective layers can be, for example, from 1 nm to 150,000 nm. Applicants believe that insertion of such range corrects the error in column 8, line 28, of U.S. Patent No. 5,919,561 for which this reissue application was filed. The new paragraph does not recite the phrases “infra-red” and “ultra violet”. The recited range does not involve new matter.

Applicants request that previous objection and rejection be withdrawn and
that this reissue application be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

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